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Amendments to the Specification

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Please amend the paragraphs at page 6, line 3 through page 7, line 2, in the following manner:

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION SUMMARY

~~An object of the present invention is to provide an improved image forming apparatus in which the above-mentioned problems are eliminated.~~

~~Another object~~ In an aspect of the present invention ~~is to provide~~ disclosure, an image forming apparatus is provided which suppresses the deviation of the impact position of the ink drop and the adhering of the ink mist to the head discharge nozzle even if the conveyance speed of the sheet is raised to increase the printing speed, and is able to obtain the high quality image.

~~In order to achieve the above-mentioned objects,~~ another aspect of the present invention provides disclosure, an image forming apparatus ~~comprising:~~ comprises a head unit having a discharge nozzle for discharging an ink wherein the head unit discharges the ink from the discharge nozzle to print an image on a recording sheet, ~~[[:]]~~ a conveyance unit confronting the head unit and conveying the sheet in a movement direction to a position where the sheet confronts the head unit, ~~[[:]]~~ a charging unit provided in the conveyance unit to supply an AC bias voltage to the conveyance unit, ~~[[:]]~~ and a charge eliminating unit eliminating charge of a printing surface of the recording sheet, the charge eliminating unit being disposed at a position on a downstream side of the charging unit in the movement direction of the conveyance unit and on an upstream side of the head unit.

Please amend the paragraph at page 15, line 24 through page 16, line 5, in the following manner:

Moreover, the charge eliminating member 29 (Fig. 18) which eliminates the charge on the printing side of the sheet is disposed between the charging roller 15 and the head 13. Moreover, provided at the position which confronts the head 13 is ~~[[the]]~~ a conveyance guide plate ~~[[14]]~~ (not shown) which guides the conveyance

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belt 12, and this conveyance guide plate [[14]] is disposed on the side of the inner peripheral-surface of the conveyance belt 12.